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TO: Honorable Rodney Ellis, Chair, Senate Committee on Government Organization

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1475 by Jackson, Mike (Relating to the powers and duties of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Occupations Code to identify and clarify certain powers and duties of the Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR). The bill would provide the process of appointment and removal of board members from TDLR's advisory boards; provide the authority to issue a subpoena under certain circumstances; authorize the Executive Director of TDLR to issue cease and desist orders and emergency orders; and provide the authority to issue temporary and emergency licenses. The bill would provide TDLR the authority to assist other state agencies in developing consistent procedures to obtain and use criminal history record information for licensing, regulatory, and related purposes and allow TDLR to provide funds to other state agencies to assist with developing and implementing these procedures.

Based on information provided by TDLR, it is assumed that costs related to the duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be covered by utilizing existing resources.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2007.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 452 Department of Licensing and Regulation, 302 Office of the Attorney General, 360 State Office of Administrative Hearings

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